postal buildings and staff quarters therewith details of funds earmarked, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Eighty Nine (89)

(b) All the Sub Post Offices in Sambalpur Division have electricity However, twenty five (25) Post Offices functioning from rented premises do not have water and toilet facility

(c) No, Sir

(d) Planning for construction of postal buildings and staff quarters is a continuing activity and its scope is determined by availability of funds, land etc At present two post office buildings at Bamra and Kuchinda are being built for which funds amounting to Rs two lakhs and one lakh have been allocated during 1991–92 respectively In addition construction of staff quarters at Bargarh is likely to be considered on availability of land

Rise in Steel Prices

1952 SHRI SHARAD YADAV
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) the percentage rise in steel prices with the de–control of steel,

(b) the overall impact on the steel user industry and other consumers, and

(c) the extent to which the profitability of the integrated steel plants is anticipated to rise annually as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) There has been no increase in the prices by the integrated steel plants, after deregulation of iron and steel Open market prices have also not shown any sharp fluctuations There has been a mixed trend, of some increase in prices in certain centres/categories of iron and steel and of some decrease in others

(b) Immediate impact of deregulation has been that States/areas located nearer to the steel plants have to pay actual freight charges upto stockyards, which are lower than the freights charged under the earlier freight equalisation scheme The industries/users located distantly from steel plants continue to pay not more than what they were paying prior to deregulation, on account of freight till these are revised

(c) Increase in profitability of integrated steel plants, after deregulation would depend upon many factors like increase in Government and other levies, actual levels of imports following import duty reductions, and the extent of increase in prices that the integrated steel plants would be able to effect keeping in view the overall demand–supply situation

Development of Tourism

1953 SHRI NURUL ISLAM Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake any comprehensive survey to identify places for development of Tourism in the country

(b) If so, the details thereof,

(c) If not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the total amount spent for the development of tourism during the Seventh Plan period, State–wise break up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). The identification of tourist centres and their development are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and as such no comprehensive survey has been undertaken by the Central Government for this. However, financial assistance was extended by the Central Government to various States and Union Territories on the basis of specific proposals received from them. The Central Government assistance released to various State Governments for development of tourism during Seventh Plan period is given below:

S. No.	*State/U.T.*	*Financial Assistance released during 7th Plan Period (Rs. lakhs)*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	222.49
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	16.00
3.	Assam	58.74
4.	Bihar	49.00
5.	Goa	33.99
6.	Gujarat	146.23
7.	Haryana	345.44
8.	Himachal Pradesh	85.56
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	309.50
10.	Kerala	573.39
11.	Karnataka	126.22
12.	Maharashtra	76.09
13.	Madhya Pradesh	156.27
14.	Nagaland	87.22
15.	Orissa	105.17
16.	Rajasthan	118.59
17.	Sikkim	70.75
18	Manipur	41.75

S. No.	*State/U.T.*	*Financial Assistance released during 7th Plan Period (Rs. lakhs)*
19.	Meghalaya	75.00
20.	Mizoram	55.00
21.	Punjab	81.93
22.	Tamil nadu	277.48
23.	Tripura	51.50
24	Uttar Pradesh	381.85
25.	West Bengal	202.47
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	140.94
27.	Delhi	3.50
28.	Lakshadweep	71.86
29.	Pondicherry	37.88
	Grand Total	4001.76

[*Translation*]

SC/ST in Hindustan Zinc Limited

1954. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation quota for recruitment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been filled in the Hindustan Zinc Limited;

(b) if so, the number of persons recruited since July, 1991 till date, category-wise;

(c) whether the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been recruited as per roaster, particularly in Rajpura Dareeba Mines, Zinc Smelter Dewari, Zinc Smelter, Chanderia; Chittorgarh and Agocha Mines, Bhilwara etc., and

(d) if not, the efforts being made to make up the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The prescribed quota of reservation in Hindustan Zinc for SC and ST has been filled in Group 'C' and 'D' posts. However, there is shortfall in filling prescribed quota for SC/ST in Group 'A' and 'B' posts due to lack of response from eligible SC/ST candidates. The details are given in the attached Statement-I.